THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

Writ Petition No.12673 of 2007

Dated:10.07.2007

Between:

A.Bikshapathi S/o A.Balamalaiah and others.

.... PETITIONERS

AND

Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation, Vidyuth Soudha,
Khairatabad, Hyderabad and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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Order:

Aggrieved by the action of the respondents in not considering the candidatures of the petitioners for the post of Junior Lineman or any other post, and seeking a direction to the respondents to consider their candidatures for the post of Junior Lineman, the present writ petition has been filed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent-Corporation and perused the record.

When the matter came up before this Court for admission on 19.06.2007, this Court directed the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents to get instructions in the matter. Today, after getting instructions, the learned Standing Counsel submits that the 1st and 2nd petitioners are aged 37 years, whereas the upper age limit for appointment to the post of Junior Lineman is only 35 years. He further submits that insofar as the 3rd petitioner is concerned, though his age is 26 years, he worked as a Shift Operator in 33/11 K.V.Sub Station, Chandaipet in Chegunta Station, Toopran Sub Division for the period from 21.07.2000 to 31.08.2003 and as such, as on the date of notification, he was not on rolls. Hence, the learned Standing Counsel submits that taking into account all these aspects, call letters were not sent to the petitioners, and therefore, he sought dismissal of the writ petition.

As per the notification, dated 06.06.2006, issued by the respondent-Corporation, the age prescribed for the post of Junior Lineman is not below 18 years and not above 35 years and relaxation of upper age limit is permissible upto 5 years for SC/ST/BC candidates. But there is no relaxation in lower age limit. Admittedly, the petitioners 1 and

2 belong to OC category and crossed 35 years as on 06.06.2006. That apart, the 3rd petitioner, as per the Service Certificate produced by him at page-15 of the material papers, it is clear that he worked as a Shift Operator in 33/11 K.V.Sub Station, Chandaipet in Chegunta Station, Toopran Sub Division for the period from 21.07.2000 to 31.08.2003 and as such, he was not on rolls as on the date of notification. Therefore, the petitioners are not eligible for consideration for the post of Junior Lineman and no exception can be taken to the action of the respondent-Corporation in not issuing call letters to the petitioners. Further, since the statutory regulations provide that there shall not be any relaxation to age, no relief as prayed for by the petitioner in the writ petition can be granted.

The writ petition is devoid of merits and the same is accordingly dismissed, at the admission stage. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 10.07.2007
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